

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RAILWAY QUARTERS IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that condition of many railway quarters in Tamil Nadu is in bad shape which may collapse at any time during rainy season;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by the Railways for proper maintenance of these quarters;
- (c) whether the Railways have any plan to demolish all these old Railway quarters in Tamil Nadu and reconstruct these quarters with required amenities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR. R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Maintenance of railway quarters is carried out regularly. Colony care committees comprising representatives of recognized unions and senior officials of Railways monitor the work of maintenance of colonies at major stations. At smaller stations the maintenance is monitored through regular inspection at various levels. Any irregularities/complaints as and when noticed are addressed suitably. Minor and urgent repairs are undertaken through departmental maintenance. Zonal contracts are placed for short term maintenance work. Special proposals are also framed and executed under General Managers power to improve the condition of quarters. Proposals are also considered in Railway Board and approved proposals are implemented in the zonal railways. There are no railway quarters which may collapse during rainy season for want of maintenance.

(c) & (d): Railways are engaged in a continuous exercise to replace old quarters on age-cum- condition basis by new quarters, subject to availability of funds and relative priorities.